large number of industries in the Public Sectors;

(b) if so whether Government have taken a policy decision to make sure that the large number of workers working in these units are not rendered jobless; and

(c) whether Government propose that no public sector undertaking would be closed till alternative employment opportunities are created for the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Various Committees appointed by Government from time to time have recommended, among other things, closure of certain public sector units. However, the Government have not taken any decision to close down any Central public enterprise at present.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to (a) above (b) and (c) do not arise.

Taking help of accredited advertising agencies for public sectors

1482. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions have been issued to the Public Sector Enterprises to take help of accredited Advertising Agencies only in the matter of publicity work of the enterprises;

(b) whether Government are working on the subject of allotting a certain portion of such jobs to small agencies (non-accredited) run by self-employed; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to support the self-employed units by allotting some portion of the total jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) Instructions have been issued to the public enterprises to use the services of accredited advertising agencies only in the matter of publicity work of the enterprises. However, the system of maintaining a panel of accredited agencies by DAVP has since been dispensed with.

(b) and (c) Choice of advertising agencies and allotment of advertisement jobs come within the purview of day-to-day autonomous functioning of the public enterprises. The managements of the public enterprises are aspects in accordance with their commercial requirements.

Nationalisation of Bengal Potteries

1483. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed the Tata Consultancy Firm to look into the question of viability of the Bengal Potteries Limited;

(b) whether the report has been submitted to the Government;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of Members of Parliament from West Bengal have demanded nationalisation of the Bengal Potteries; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The Tata Economic Consultancy Services (TECS) have conducted a viability study of M/s. Bengal Potteries Limited (BPL) and submitted their report. The report was prepared at the instance of the Industrial Reconstruction Bank of

India who have been appointed as the authorised person for this industrial undertaking by the Central Government. The report identifies the causes for the unsatisfactory performance of the industrial undertaking and also suggests a rehabilitation package, which includes measures such as liversification of product-mix, availability of uninterrupted power supply, provision of adequate working capital, renovation and modernisation of plants and equipments etc. The report stresses that the rehabilitation package can be implemented only if certain conditions are fulfilled.

Representations have been received from some of the Members of Parliament demanding nationalisation of M/s. Bengal Potteries Ltd. It has not been possible for the Government to take a decision with regard to the future disposition of the undertaking as certain important policy decisions are involved. Meanwhile the period of take over has been extended up to 30.6.1987 or till the decision with regard to the future disposition of undertaking is taken, whichever is earlier.

New rate of DA and Interim Relief to the Employees of Public Sectors

1484. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new rates of DA and interim relief has been made applicable to the employees of public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons that the same rate of DA and interim relief has not been extended to workers drawing wages; and

(d) what are the steps Government propose to take to make it applicable to all categories of employees and workers of pubic sector undertakings under his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b) *Ad hoc* reilef has been sanctioned for Chief Executives, Functional Directors, Executives and Supervisors not governed by wage settlements in public sector undertaking following the Industrial DA pattern. The ad hoc relief ranges from Rs. 1500 to Rs. 2500 in respect of Chief Executives and Functional Directors and from Rs. 120 to Rs. 1200 in respect of others.

There is no change in the DA formula.

(c) and (d) Pay revision in respect of Executives cannot be taken up for some time pending the receipt of recommendations of the High Power Pay Committee set up under the directions of the supreme Court. Hence *ad hoc* relief has been authorised pending finalisation of the pay structure for these categories.

As wage revision in respect of workers and other unionised staff under Industrial DA Pattern can take place under the wage policy finalised by Government, it is not considered necessary to pay *ad hoc* relief to workers.

Sale of Spurious Automobile Parts

1485. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the spurious automobile parts being sold and used freely in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the use of these spurious automobile parts poses a serious threat to public safety and human life;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto and what steps are contemplated to check the manufacture and marketing of spurious automobile parts;